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TITLE : ALCOHOLIC IRRITATING ODOR  
MASKING AGENT

ABSTRACT : PURPOSE: To provide an alcoholic irritating odor masking agent capable of supporting the irritating odor by alcohol in a cosmetic, a drink, a food and a perfume containing alcohol, by consisting the masking agent of an ester represent by a general formula such as methyl acetate, ethyl acetate or isoamyl acetate.

CONSTITUTION: This alcoholic irritating odor masking agent consists of an ester represented by a general formula such as methyl acetate, ethyl acetate or isoamyl acetate ( $R_1$  and  $R_2$  each represents a short chain alkyl group allowed to be independently branched). The above alcohol is ethanol. Either one kind selected from these esters or a mixture of  $\geq 2$  kinds can be used as the masking agent. The concentration of the masking agent capable of effectively exhibiting the action is 0.1-10wt.%, more preferably 0.5-5wt.% based on the alcohol in a case via the sense of smell such as in perfumes, etc. The action is remarkable and physical properties of lower alcohols such as solubility are not damaged. In a case via both senses of smell and taste such as in drinks or foods, a concentration of 0.01-2000ppm is preferable.

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